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SUBJECT: MOROCCANS OCCUPY MAHBES WITHOUT RESISTANCE

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1. OFFICIAL GOM SOURCE JUST CONFIRMED AFP REPORT THAT MOROCCAN TROOPS ENTERED MAHBES LAST NIGHT, ENCOUNTERING NO RESISTANCE.

2. COMMENT: MAHBES OF COURSE IS EASTERNMOST CENTER IN FORMER SPANISH SAHARA AND PLACE WHERE ALL OBSERVERS EXPECTED POLISARIO AND ALGERIAN FORCES TO MAKE A STAND IF THEY CHOSE TO DO SO AT ALL WITHIN THAT TERRITORY. MOROCCANS HAVE BEEN SIGNALING TO US AND OTHERS THAT THEY INTENDED TO MOVE VERY SLOWLY ON MAHBES TO GIVE GOA TIME TO WITHDRAW. WE ASSUME MOROCCAN DECISION TO MOVE NOW DESPITE EARLIER SIGNALS IS A DIRECT RESULT OF THEIR INTELLIGENCE OBSERVATIONS OF ALGERIAN WITHDRAWAL.

3. THIS DEVELOPMENT SHOULD HELP PAVE THE WAY FOR BILATERAL TALKS AT THE FONMIN LEVEL AND MORE GENERALLY AUGURS WELL FOR AVOIDANCE OF MAJOR MILITARY CONFRONTATION BETWEEN MOROCCO AND ALGERIA.
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